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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit: 1751

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Examiner:

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 03/12583

FILED: NOVEMBER 11, 2003

FOR: AMPHOTERIC FLUORESCENT  
WHITENING AGENTS

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/534,315

35 USC 371 DATE: MAY 9, 2005

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**SECOND LETTER TO CORRECT FILING RECEIPT**

Sir:

On March 15, 2006 Applicants received a filing receipt, dated March 6, 2006 and a week later on March 28, 2006 Applicants received an updated filing receipt, dated March 20, 2006. Upon reviewing the filing receipts, it was noted on both receipts that the "**Foreign Applications**" information was incorrect. The European application number was listed incorrectly. On March 30, 2006, Applicants sent a letter to the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) requesting a corrected filing receipt (a copy is enclosed herewith). Applicants enclosed the updated filing receipt.

On May 25, 2006, Applicants received a duplicate of the updated filing receipt dated March 30, 2006 (a copy is enclosed herewith). Applicants are still awaiting a corrected filing receipt which was requested by Applicants in their letter of March 30, 2006. If the corrected filing receipt has not yet been issued, please issue one, as soon as possible, to avoid problems in the future. The Foreign Applications section should read:

**Foreign Applications**

EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) 02405998.2 11/19/2002

Enclosed is a copy of the filing receipt with the correction noted.

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Applicants have now received the filing receipt in the above-identified application. However, in viewing the paper, Applicants noted that the **Foreign Applications** information was incorrect. **The application number was listed incorrectly.** Please issue a corrected filing receipt having this area read:

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/EP03/12583 11/11/2003 ✓

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/534,315**

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**Early Publication Request: No**

**Title**

Amphoteric fluorescent whitening agents

**Preliminary Class**

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